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Obituaries

Herbert Scoville, 77, arms consultant

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Herbert Scoville Jr., 70, a disarmament consultant and a former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, died Tuesday in Georgetown University Hospital. He lived in McLean and Taconic, Conn.

He also was an official of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Mr. Scoville was a founder and president of the Arms Control Association and was a member of the board of directors of the Council for a Livable World and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

"Pete Scovill was a warm and generous individual who was committed to making the world a better place to live in," said Jack Mendelsohn, deputy director of the Arms Control Association. "He was greatly admired and respected."

In 1981, Mr. Scoville was presented the Rockefeller Public Service Award for his efforts to promote international cooperation and peace.

In accepting the award Mr. Scoville noted that public awareness of the dangers of nuclear proliferation must be cultivated.

"It must be nurtured, it must be fertilized and propagated across the land," he said. "Without peace we will never achieve the goals that my fellow award recipients have worked so effectively for — goals of a better life for the children of this world."

Trustees of the award said Mr. Scoville's "expertise in educating policymakers and the public is considered of major significance as nations confront again the imperative of arms control. It has been said that Pete Scovill has come to symbolize a courageous vision of a more cooperative and less fearful world."

Mr. Scoville was a voluminous writer on arms control issues. He

was co-author of "Missile Madness," published in 1970. His other books included "Toward a Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement," also published in 1970, and "MX: Prescription for Disaster," published in 1981.

Mr. Scoville also was a witness before Senate and House committees during hearings involving strategic and defense matters.

After serving as the CIA's deputy director for research and technology from 1955 to 1963, Mr. Scoville was assistant director for science and technology for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. From 1969 to 1971 he was director of the arms control program of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

Born in New York City, Mr. Scoville received a B.S. degree from Yale University in 1937. He next attended Cambridge University in England for two years and in 1942 received a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in New York state.

From 1946 to 1948, Mr. Scoville was senior scientist for the Los Alamos contract of the old Atomic Energy Commission. He was a member of the advisory committee on

nuclear safeguards for the AEC in the early 1970s.

In 1948 he became technical director of the armed forces special weapons project of the Defense Department and in 1955 began working for the CIA.

Mr. Scoville was a member of the advisory committee on nuclear safeguards for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency from 1969 to 1973.

In the late 1960s Mr. Scoville was chairman of the U.S. delegation to the NATO Disarmament Experts Meetings. He also was a member of the science advisory board for the Air Force, a consultant for the President's Science Advisory Committee, and a member of the board of directors of the Public Welfare Foundation.

Mr. Scoville was a member of the Century Club in New York and the Cosmos Club in Washington.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Curtiss Scoville; three sons, Anthony and Thomas Scoville of Washington and Nicholas Scoville of Los Angeles; a daughter, Molly Fitzmaurice of Washington; and six grandchildren.

Services are private.